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Eakins Becomes Culinary Pres.; Meet Shift Due

Vice President William Eakins was elevated to the office of president of Salinas Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 355 at last week's meeting, first of 1952.

Eakins succeeds Virgil Knight as the union's presiding officer, Knight having resigned as president in order to devote full time to his duties as business agent for the union.

Membership at the meeting gave a vote of thanks to Knight for his services and spoke in praise of his work for Bartenders Union 545, which is now part of the new combined Local 355.

Secretary A. J. Clark of Local 355 announced that the union took steps to change meetings so that both the night and day meetings will be on the same day. The union's executive board is to draw up plans for scheduling both meetings on the same day and report at the union's meeting on January 28.

Life membership was granted to George Johnson, well known member who has been a union man throughout the working days of his life, Clark added.

Dora Smith, another well known member of the union and employee of the Franco Hotel in Castroville, was reported seriously ill in the Salinas Valley hospital.

Seven new members were given obligation by Chaplain William Harmon and seven more were accepted for initiation, but were not present. Obligated were Annette C. Belt, Viola Eakins, Minnie Garcia, Juanita Lee, Alice Jones, Joyce Ramirez and Christine Phippen.

EIDE HONORED BY GRANGES IN MONTEREY

Seven organizations of the California Grange joined last week in a tribute to Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, who retired as state district deputy, in which post he has served the Grange for 8½ years.

Meeting in the Marina Grange Hall, the groups first played a joke on Eide by announcing him as a great vocalist and then playing a popular phonograph record of a comic singer after announcing that the next voice would be that of Eide.

Following installation of officers for the Marina Grange, include Eide as a member of the executive board, the groups presented Eide with a fine gift of a fine piece of luggage.

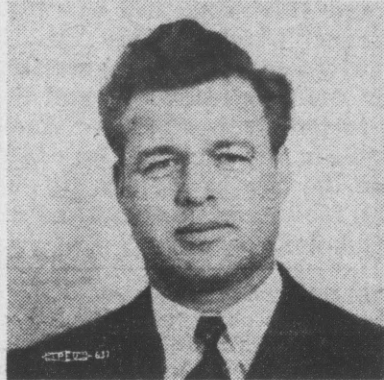
Represented in the meeting were Aromas Grange, Big Sur Grange, Marina Grange, Monterey Bay Grange, Prunedale Grange, Springfield Grange and Monterey County County Pomona Grange.

ALISAL GARAGE SIGNS CONTRACT

Contract has been negotiated and signed between the Alisal Garage, Hebron and East Market streets, Salinas, and Auto Mechanics and Machinists Union 1824 of Salinas.

Business Representative James N. LeBlanc of the union announced that the agreement was signed by John A. Williamson, owner of the garage. The garage now displays the Machinists' union shop card and is operated fully union, LeBlanc added.

MONTEREY CLC PICKS HALLMARK NEW SECRETARY



ROYAL E. HALLMARK

Royal E. Hallmark, secretary of Monterey Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483, was elected last week as secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

Hallmark, who left this week for a short vacation, was named to succeed Andrew Butrica, of Laborers Union 690. Butrica reportedly is ill in a county hospital.

FISH BUTCHERS, POULTRY CREWS WIN INCREASE

Wage increase of \$5.40 a week for butchers employed in wholesale fish houses and retail fish and poultry markets in the jurisdiction of Butchers Union 506 has been won in new contracts, retroactive to Jan. 7.

Exec. Secy. Earl A. Moorhead of Local 506, which has jurisdiction in Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, said the increases are within the limits of the Wage Stabilization Board.

Negotiations are under way by Local 506 for a new contract with wage increases for the wholesale poultry industry and for egg workers, it was reported.

The increases for fish and poultry markets are "across the board" for all classifications, Moorhead said.

Mont. Carpenter Apprenticeship Prog. Reviewed

Progress of apprenticeship training for carpenters in the Monterey Bay area was reviewed at a meeting of apprentice leaders and school officials early this month, according to Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Local 1323.

Attending the meeting were Joseph Cambiano, international representative for carpenters; Apprentice Supervisors Kelly and Christopherson, and officials of the high school apprentice training program, along with members of the Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

Sardine Season Bad; Processors Shut Down Office

Monterey's poorest sardine season ended January 15 with fewer than 100 tons of sardines caught in local waters and the Monterey Fish Processors Assn., which has directed industry activities for many years, announced that it will shut down its offices, although 12 canneries still hold membership.

The total sardine pack locally amounted to 24,865 tons, nearly all brought to Monterey canneries by truck. Value of the 492,564

Salinas Labor Asks Armistice Store Closing

Because of plans for a mammoth celebration in Salinas on Armistice Day (Nov. 11), the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas has requested the Chamber of Commerce to assist in having all stores close for the holiday.

Secretary Alfred J. Clark of the labor council said that contact has been made with Sid Godby of the trade body and that he understood that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to urge the holiday and store closing to help the celebration.

The Armistice Day celebration is under the direction of the County Veterans Council and is held each year, alternating between Monterey and Salinas, Clark said. Many union contracts list Armistice Day as a holiday, he added. Details of Labor's participation in the celebration have not been worked out.

Clark announced also that he and the labor council's Resolutions Committee have been instructed to prepare a resolution which would amend council by-laws to provide for meetings only twice a month.

If the change is adopted, the council executive board would handle business matters between regular meetings. Clark said a number of changes in the by-laws will be necessary if meetings are changed from weekly to semi-weekly.

BARBERS 827 INSTALL NEW '52 PRESIDENT

Jim Foster was installed as new president of Salinas Barbers 827 at ceremonies last week, succeeding Louis Conine, who retired. Foster and other officers for 1952 were given their obligation by Jack Durnell.

First official act by Foster, according to Union Secy. Jimmie Butler, was appointment of Leon Smith and Maurice Waidtlow to the union's Finance Committee.

Installed in addition to Foster were Nate Freeman, vice-president; Jimmie Butler, secretary-treasurer; Doss Hill, recording secretary; Paul Moore, guide; and Guy Falvo, guardian.

Mont. Painters Keeping Busy

Work for members of Monterey Painters Union 272 continues to be good despite adverse weather and seasonal layoffs, according to Bus. Agt. Fred Ask.

Several members are without employment, but work for the future appears to be good, Ask said. However, he stressed that no more men will be needed for a long time and urged out-of-work painters in other areas not to come to Monterey expecting to find work.

cases of sardines packed locally was estimated at \$3,546,460. Other pack and reduction raised the total dollar value to \$4,345,193.

Comparison is made to the 1944-45 season when local ports handled 237,250 tons of sardines, all caught in Monterey Bay. This year the state's total is only 115,361 tons, most of the catch in southern waters.

It was reported that the Fish Processors Assn. would operate from time to time and would

Calif. Pre-Primary LLPE Meet, Apr. 7 In San Francisco

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week announced that the 1952 pre-primary convention of the state AFL organization will be held April 7 and 8 in California Hall, Polk and Turk streets, San Francisco.

The California LLPE is the official political vehicle of the California State Federation of Labor and the state unit of the national LLPE.

Business of the April convention will be the endorsement of candidates for the United States Senate, Congress, and state legislative seats in the state-wide primary election to be held Tuesday, June 3.

Each local union affiliated with the League shall be entitled to representation by one delegate and the convention voting strength of such unions shall be based upon the average per capita tax paid into the California LLPE during the year ending February 29, 1952, that is, the total amount paid in during the 12 calendar month period extending from March 1, 1951 through February 29, 1952, divided by 36.

Unions affiliated with the California LLPE pay a per capita tax of three cents per member per month. Unions now delinquent were urged by Secretary-Treasurer Haggerty to pay up their back bills in time for the pre-primary sessions.

Haggerty also reminded that it is the duty and exclusive right of political leagues established by various central labor bodies of the AFL to make recommendations to the League Executive Council for the Congress and the state legislature.

Such recommendations should be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the League 10 days prior to the opening of the convention.

Haggerty declared that the official call to the pre-primary session will be issued in the near future and warned that the entire AFL movement in California must join in the united LLPE campaign to protect and save the rights of organized labor, which are now in grave jeopardy on the political fronts of state and nation.

Weather Slows Building Work

Adverse weather conditions plus the flooding of rivers in this area have caused a severe curtailment in the building and construction industry, resulting in lack of work for many craftsmen, officials said.

When the weather has cleared and ground dried, construction jobs will be resumed, including sewer projects, pipe lines, and building.

maintain an office on Cannery Row. George Clemens, Association manager for the past 10 years, will continue as an adviser but will devote his full time to his insurance business.

Work for Fish Cannery Workers Union was slow, although cleaning cans and salvage duties as a result of the big fire at the Sun Harbor plant has provided employment for a number of members, who will continue this work until the salvage is completed.

Butchers 506 Pick Officers In Local Areas

Officers for 1951 have been elected by Butchers Union 506 in areas where January meetings have been held, some meetings have been postponed because of the holidays early in the month, however. Incumbents generally are being returned to office.

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Local 506, has been re-elected to serve his 27th year as nominal head of the union, which has jurisdiction over Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Clara counties.

In some of the district elections, a runoff is necessary to fill certain posts, Moorhead explained, and in some districts no nominees were made for some offices, with election or appointment scheduled later.

Elected have been:

SAN JOSE

Arthur Cox, president; Lou Visca, vice president; Ray Volpe, recording secretary; Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary; Ernest (Bud) Austin, guard and guide; Roger Erwin, William Shrader, Rene Bourdet and Ray Volpe, trustees. Executive board members elected include Wm. Shrader (meatcutters), Wilmer Elmer (apprentices), Al Heisch (slaughterhouse), Maurice Van Damme (by-products), Sal Castro (sausage workers), Bernice Diamond (egg workers), Charles Weaver (poultry), Nuncio Arioto (fish butchers), Russell Scadina (service

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Seaside Group Talks Petitions To Incorporate

The Seaside district, near Monterey, where many union members live and own their homes, may take steps for incorporation soon by circulating petitions to provide for necessary legal action to form a city.

Spokesman said that the petitions may be signed by property owners only, and the property owner must add to his name a legal description of his property (lot, block, map numbers), information which is on the deed or tax receipt.

The petitions reportedly are now being prepared and will be in business houses for the convenience of those who wish incorporation. At present, as an unincorporated district, Seaside is dependent upon the county, with its headquarters in Salinas, for police and fire protection and other government benefits. Under incorporation, these services would be possible under a city government to be set up in Seaside.

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At our last regular meeting a recommendation was made, by the Executive Board regarding a change in our dues structure. The recommendation provides that dues not paid by the 15th of the month are delinquent and a penalty of 50c will be added, and an additional 50c penalty for dues not paid by the first of the following month. Therefore, dues that are \$3.50 that are not paid by the 15th will be \$4.00, and if not paid by the first of the following month will be \$4.50. It is important that you pay your dues promptly, saving the penalty, which over a period of time will add up to a considerable sum. Names of all members not paying dues on time appear on a list of delinquents and a business agent is sent out to contact you. This time spent in contacting individual members could be better spent handling grievances, checking jobs, and new organization. If the business agent is unable to locate the delinquent member the employer is contacted.

The above change will be an amendment to our by-laws and will be read at two regular meetings before being put in effect. So be sure to attend your next regular meetings on February 7 and March 6th.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

It won't be long until LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL season is under way. With two parks this coming season, we shall see some real baseball played by our boys from eight to twelve years of age. The following is a list of sponsors for the 16 teams in league play:

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Doubleheaders will be played Monday through Friday at the Gene Robertson Park, located in the Alisal District and at the Rodeo Park, located at the Rodeo Grounds. In order that LITTLE LEAGUE may complete the Rodeo Park, a lot of work is required.

Anyone who has some time and is willing to assist in this worthy project, please contact the union office. Additional funds are also needed and season tickets are now on sale at the union office at a cost of \$5.00. This ticket entitles you to attend all games in either park, where there will be no charge or any donations solicited. Let's put LITTLE LEAGUE over in a big way by getting your membership cards at once. "Little Leaguers Make Big Leaguers and Better Citizens of Tomorrow."

BEEFS

We have recently received complaints for a few of our members who were not paid for their overtime as far back as September. We ask that all members who have not been paid according to the union agreement, notify us at once, as it is very difficult to contact those contractors after they have moved from the area.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

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Importance of the labor press was underscored last week when the Wall Street Journal devoted a lead story on page one to a report on the nation's labor newspapers.

"With a Presidential election due in 1952," said the paper, "the influence of the labor press could be a potent factor in determining voting results."

The Journal reported that there now are more than 800 labor publications in the country, compared with only 500 ten years ago; and that they claim a circulation of 16 million and a readership of 30 million.

The story declared that "many businessmen are inclined to scoff

at the entire labor press," but, it added, "you don't have to look far into this field to realize that it has come a long way in the last few years toward increasing its influence."

The boss is "seldom the hero" in any of these papers, the Journal noted, but "if the job of a publication with editorialized content is to influence its reading public, then the labor press is doing just that."

"If the boss doesn't like what the labor organizations have to say, the average union paper does not give a hoot. It isn't written to please him anyway," the Wall Street publication declared.

It added that "the typical union paper emphasizes political issues in a rambunctious and flamboyant style."

Voters Can Help Select President In 16 States

Sixteen states give the voter a chance to pick the Presidential candidates.

Although only 16 states have primaries, about half the convention delegates will be elected by them. The Republicans will elect 590 out of 1,199 delegates; the Democrats, 570 out of 1,234.

The first Presidential primary will be on March 11 in New Hampshire. The next will be in Minnesota on March 18.

The 32 states which do not have Presidential primary elections pick their delegates through state conventions or by state party committees.

Here are the dates of the coming primaries by states and the number of delegates to be elected by the major political parties in each:

Date	State	Rep.	Dem.
March 11, N. Hampshire	14	8	
March 18, Minnesota	28	26	
April 1, Wisconsin	30	28	
April 1, Nebraska	18	12	
April, New York	96	94	
April 8, Illinois	60	60	
April 15, New Jersey	38	32	
April 22, Pennsylvania	70	70	
April 29, Massachusetts	38	36	
May 5, Maryland	24	18	
May 6, Ohio	56	54	
May 13, West Virginia	16	20	
May 16, Oregon	18	12	
May 27, Florida		24	
June 3, California	70	68	
June 3, South Dakota	14	8	

Totals 590 570
Minnesota elects all but three at-large delegates in the primary; New York and Illinois elect only district delegates in primary, and New York's primary date has not yet been set.

The first test of strength for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will be in New Hampshire's Republican Presidential primary on March 11. Voters will not be able to vote directly for Eisenhower or other candidates. However, delegates and alternates may be pledged to specific candidates. And the name of the candidate to whom a delegate is pledged may be printed on the ballot alongside the name of the delegate.

A delegate must vote for the candidate to whom he is pledged "so long as he shall be a candidate" at the convention.

New Hampshire will send 14 delegates to the Republican convention—ten delegates at large and four delegates from congressional districts.

Northern and Central California chapters of the AGC have moved into new quarters at 850 Battery street, San Francisco. Labor relations director for both chapters is Harold Ringrose, telephone YUkon 6-5969.

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Doctor, Heal Thyself!

It was rather saddening to hear the radio broadcast of Senator Taft's speech before the American College of Surgeons in Los Angeles recently.

They cheered practically every sentence he made. No doubt their fat pocketbooks provided them with plenty of cocktails and their cheers were a bit over-stimulated. But they were also cheering the man and all he stands for. Now that is certainly their privilege, but it is saddening to see how whole-hog our American doctors are going for the Number One disciple of Big Business, Special Privilege, Wealth, and Anti-Unionism.

A doctor is in a class with ministers, teachers, and other professional people. We like to and want to respect them and look to them as examples. But this short-sighted plumping for the unbelievable selfishness of Mr. Taft is deeply shocking.

The doctors apparently think health insurance for the little people is going to hurt their income, when in fact it would broaden the desire for health care so immensely that their services and income would greatly increase for a century to come.

By joining up with Big Business and by simply opposing national health insurance and better care for all—which the people want—the doctors are performing the greatest possible harm to their sacred trust and alienating the respect of the American people for decades in the future.

How is it possible for so intelligent a group to be so blind? Until they change their views, we can only conclude that they are blinded by sheer selfishness, certainly a lowdown quality in a high profession.

Here's What They Want

We can expect the biggest outpouring of hogwash and baloney in modern times this year as reactionary Big Business and Special Interests spend millions to elect a President, something they haven't been able to accomplish in 20 years.

One of their favorite talking points will be to over-emphasize and frighten us on the subject of inflation, a condition that we are all fighting to control. Here are some pertinent remarks on this from the Public Affairs Institute in Washington, D. C.:

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The quadrennial circus is with us once again. Meanwhile, let's not overlook the vitally important task of choosing Congressmen pledged to work for continued, basic social and money reform and improvement.

The answer to the problem of keeping the unworthy off relief rolls lies in wise administration of welfare services by an adequate staff of competent and trained persons who are concerned about human welfare and who understand the circumstances under which help is needed. It is inhuman to publicly brand all relief recipients as either "chiselers" or "paupers."

The defense of America is not a matter of guns and atom bombs alone; its long-run security also depends on people—healthy, hopeful, productive people, dedicated to the preservation of our way of life.

Check the registration and voting laws in your precinct, city and state and make sure you are eligible to vote.



Lots of Unfinished Business . . .

Congress is back at work with troubles galore and predictions are that there will be little lawmaking. With all Representatives and 32 Senators up for re-election, their natural desires will be to shorten the session and get home to do their politicking. The Congressional calendar is heavily loaded with items left unfinished last year. Among these are:

Modification of the Taft-Hartley Act, Civil Rights bills, Federal Aid to Education, a National Health bill, and price controls with enforcement teeth. How much will Congress actually finish before it hurries away to the political wars? The outlook is for very little.

'More Deadly Than Tools of War' . . .

The Louisville Courier-Journal devoted an entire editorial page to the names of the 716 persons killed in Kentucky traffic accidents last year. Says the paper: "The carelessness, the bad judgment . . . that is the ingredient of every accident can be overcome if every driver can remember that when he takes the wheel, he commands a dangerous weapon . . . a weapon more deadly than all tools of war."

Twenty-one Tragedies . . .

Inside a tiny schoolhouse in Middle Fork, W. Va., the Charleston Gazette found 21 little pupils who are ragged, pale and puny. They have the bean pole legs and the distended bellies characteristic of starvation cases . . . and the Charleston Gazette says that's what they are. For most of them, the hot soup and sandwiches they get at the school lunches is about all they eat every day. In Middle Fork, it is sometimes a long time from one meal to the next . . . unless it's a school day.

Hear Frank Edwards week nights on MBS, 10:15

JOKES, Etc.

A young matron returned home one night from a church festival to find her son Billy jumping up and down on the kitchen floor.

"You got the spasms or something?" she asked.

"No," he explained, "I took that medicine that the doctor prescribed, but I forgot to shake the bottle."

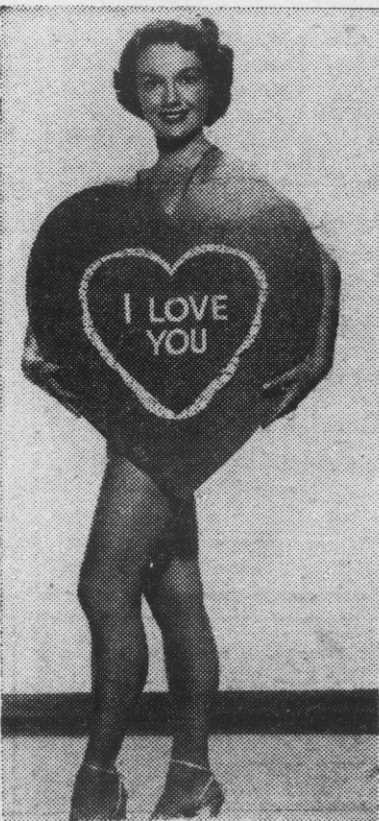
The school auditorium was filled with expectant mothers, eagerly awaiting the appearance of their offspring.

Intelligence appears to be the thing that enables a man to get along without education. Education appears to be the thing that enables a man to get along without the use of intelligence.—Albert Wiggam.

She was insulted when somebody offered her a drink. But, being a lady, she swallowed the insult.

Social service investigators have turned up these excerpts from official correspondence:

1. Woman and house neat but bare.
2. Couple breaking up home, friends helping.
3. Milk needed for baby and father is unable to supply it.
4. Man is aggressive . . . has nine children.



VALENTINE?—Redhead Virginia Gibson, some movie actress, uses this method to remind us that Valentine's Day is Feb. 14. (LPA)

5. Family's savings all used up—relatives have helped.

6. Applicant's wife is a lady and hardly knows what it is all about.

7. Woman taught bridge and suffered a broken leg.

8. Woman is willing to struggle if given an opportunity.

9. Roomer pays no board as he usually acts as godfather.

10. Couple have been completely stripped. Now are barely able to get along.

11. These people are extremely cultured. Something should be done about their condition.

12. Woman still owes \$45 for a funeral she recently had.

13. Man hit by automobile . . . speaks broken English.

"How did you happen to become a chiropodist?"

"Oh, I was always at the foot of my class."

There was an old man of Blackheath

Who sat on his set of false teeth.

He cried, with a start,

"Oh, bless my poor heart! I've bitten myself underneath."

Two men were helping to build a house. One kept picking up nails, looking at them, keeping some and throwing the others away.

"Why are you throwing away so many nails?" asked his companion.

"Because they are pointed the wrong way. They have the head on the wrong end."

"You fool. Those are for the other side of the house."

A subway was being dug. A drunk stopped beside the excavation and called down to the men at the bottom:

"Say, watcha doin' down there?"

"We're building a subway," one of the men responded.

"How long's it goin' to take to build it?"

"Three years."

"Three years? (hic) I'll take a taxi."

Uncle Remus says: For the restaurants that keep cutting pie smaller this country needs a minimum wedge law.

Sergeant: "Did you shave this morning, Smith?"

Rookie: "Yes, sir."

Sergeant: "Well, next time stand closer to the razor."

The absent-minded professor, returning home rather late after attending a lecture all evening, was rather muddled. On entering his bedroom, he thought he heard someone move under the bed.

"Who's under there?" he called out.

"No one," replied the burglar.

"Funny," replied the professor, "I could have sworn I heard someone there. Good night."



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYPRESS 2-2480.

Pamphlets explaining the recent changes in the social security program are available now without charge at your Federal social security office. If you have any social security booklet that was issued before August, 1950, we wish to remind you that it is now obsolete and should be replaced with the new edition.

The revised booklet, entitled "Your New Social Security," tells how benefits are computed under the new law, explains the new eligibility requirements, and mentions the new coverage provisions, under which about 10 million more people are brought under the social security program.

Veterans of World War II and the survivors of servicemen who have died will be interested in the section explaining the new social security provisions for World War II veterans and their families.

For the self employed, who came under social security coverage for the first time last year, a new booklet has been issued. This booklet is entitled "Do You Work for Yourself?" and is also available without charge.

A representative of the social security office will be glad to visit local unions or other interested groups to answer questions about the amended program. Just telephone or write to the address appearing at the top of this column. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible, to avoid conflicting dates.

Civil Rights Measures Lag

The civil rights record of Congress is as bad as its record on price controls.

Civil rights is in the news again. President Truman has appointed a committee to see to it that federal government contractors don't pass over job applicants because of racial or religious discrimination.

The new committee has little enforcement power. It isn't nearly as effective as the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC) of World War II.

POOR RECORD

The record of the 1951 Congress on civil rights adds up to a great big zero.

Congress did nothing about setting up a permanent FEPC to prevent discrimination in the hiring of members of minority groups.

Congress took no action on anti-poll tax bills. Five states—Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Virginia and Texas—still require people to pay a tax before they can vote.

ANTI-LYNCH BILLS DEAD

Congress failed to take up anti-lynching bills. Such measures would prevent mobs from killing members of minorities.

To get civil rights laws, trade unionists must vote for liberal candidates for the Senate and the House in the 1952 elections.

Meantime, Sen. Willis Robertson (D., Va.) predicted December 9 that Congress would reject President Truman's proposals to enact civil rights legislation.

"Practical politicians," Robertson said, "inclined to hitch their wagon to a star do not want to hitch it to a falling star."

Thought for Today.—More people die by the spoon and fork than by the gun and sword.

If you have moved, be sure to register!

Shop With Ease In Valley Center

When I Was a Clerk

By George Bernard Shaw

In the 19th century, when I was a clerk there were two sorts of people whom it was impossible to organize. First, the women. Second, the clerks.

They were unorganizable for the same reason. They did not intend to stick to their jobs. Neither of them expected to remain in the position of employee.

The woman intended to get married and have a house of her own and be her own mistress, no matter how poor she was.

The clerk either hated business and meant to get out of it and become a great man; poet, novelist, polar explorer, field marshal, actor, world's champion pugilist, prime minister, or anything else in the general line of Shakespeare and Napoleon (I was myself in this category, which is more numerous than people think), or else, if he was keen on business, he meant to set up for himself unless the boss took him into partnership.

This outlook made all the difference in the world between the clerk and the artisan. Not that the clerk was better paid: quite the contrary. A very common wage was 15s. a week: it was indeed the standard clerk's salary in East London.

Although all my main clerking experience was over before I was 20, I had, through an accident, been put into a position of trust and activity always previously given to a man of mature years; and my employer afterwards testified that I was a treasure (for which I was so ungrateful as to damn his impertinence in the secrecy of my soul); yet the highest salary I touched was either £72 or £84 a year: I forget which. And I began at 18.

OUTRAGEOUS AS CORDUOYS

Now suppose I had been interested in it, and had intended to go through with it all my life! Would I have joined a National Union of Clerks, had there been any such thing in existence? Certainly not. Not only would it have been considered a most ungentlemanly thing to do—almost as outrageous as coming to the office in corduroy trousers with a belcher handkerchief around my neck—but, snobbery apart, it would have been stupid, because I should not have intended to remain a clerk, but to employ clerks.

I should have taken the employer's point of view from the first, as became a man who was going to be either an employer or a failure in life.

Forty years after I had shaken the dust of that office from my feet I found myself one morning standing in the street outside it, having in the meantime pulled off the Great Man stunt, and been recently held up to an admiring Europe as "the Moliere of the 20th century."

I was looking for a Commissioner of Oaths to witness some legal profanity or other; and it suddenly struck me that there was one on the first floor of the building where I had slaved as a clerk. It was a good excuse for going in and peeping through the glass door of my old prison as I passed.

NO COMMON CLERK

I went upstairs. The Commissioner of Oaths was out. His clerk was no common clerk; he was every inch a churchwarden, frock coated, large, dignified, prosperous and I could swear, a Master Mason in the Lodge next door. Still, only a clerk, legally unable to make anyone swear but his employer. I am by profession a communicative person; and as it was a fine morning, and we were not yet pressed for time, we chatted for a moment.

I mentioned that I had been a clerk myself in that building 40 years before. Instantly the distinguished consideration he had been beguiled into treating me with by my air of being somebody in particular changed into undisguised contempt, barbed by incredulity. He expressed the contempt in his

tone, and the incredulity in these staggering words:

"I don't remember you."

FOR 40 YEARS

He had been there when I was there. He had been there for 40 years. All that time, whilst I was making six or seven reputations, touching nothing that I did not adorn, being abused by all the papers as only the famous are abused, and surveying mankind, if not from China to Peru, at least from Stamboul to Jamaica, he had kept on coming at 10 every morning and going home at 5 every evening, and was good for another 10 years of it.

And that is what would have happened to me but for the pure accident of my turning out to be the one man in every million or so who happens to have the knack of telling lies so attractively that people go to the theatre to see actors pretending they are true.

I fled from his majestic presence recalling many memories. I remembered the old bookkeeper whom I had asked whether his son was a clerk, and who had said, with a ferocity that amazed me, that he would rather see him dead, and told me how he had struggled to save him from the fate by apprenticing him to a pharmaceutical chemist.

I remembered how my father had been horrified at finding me playing one day with the son-of-a-shop-keeper, and had explained to me that there was a great social gulf fixed between me and the children of men who sold anything retail, he himself being a wholesaler. And I remembered what was odder still; that his claim was allowed by the retailers; so that men 20 times as rich as he, and at least 100 times as able in business, treated him with deference.

REFLECT, MY FRIEND

to all this autobiography for nothing. I want you, friend and fellow clerk, to reflect on the staggering change in the social world . . . and on the equally staggering change that left that clerk on the first floor exactly what he was and where he had been 40 years before. If you take it that the chances against his ever becoming an employer were only 10 to 1 in 1870, you may take the chances against yourself today as 1,000 to 1.

Steel Can Afford 'Substantial' Hike, Union Tells WSB

Washington (LPA)—The steel industry can pay "a substantial wage increase" from "present ample profits," a special panel of the Wage Stabilization Board was told Jan. 11.

Stanley Ruttenberg, CIO research director, continuing presentation of the Steelworkers' case for higher wages and other benefits, also told the panel that high consumer purchasing power is essential to a strong national economy.

Current inflation, he declared, has not been caused by wage increases; workers have not kept pace with the rising cost of living, and higher wages drawn from ample profits or rising productivity cannot justify price increases.

The economist testified after Steelworkers' Pres. Philip Murray, who also heads the national CIO, and union general counsel Arthur Goldberg made a point-by-point presentation of the union's requests for an average 18½c hourly pay increase, paid holidays, overtime pay, increased vacations, and other contract improvements.

Murray told the panel that the union's demands are "economically feasible . . . and justifiable during this period of national emergency and international crisis."

CONSTRUCTION

(Compiled from Daily Pacific)

Builder, Dec. 3 - Jan. 11)

INYO KERN, test range, Had-dock Engineers, Ltd., Montebello, \$828,000.

ALAMEDA, Naval Air Sta., engine overhaul bldg., Dinwiddie, \$1,296,000.

HAYWARD, Hunt Foods warehouse, Swinerton & Walberg, \$1,247,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, water dept. pumping sta., low: Rothschild, Kaffin & Wierick, \$1,064,000.

STOCKTON, Port warehouse, plans, \$1,600,000.

MODESTO, low rent housing, bids due, \$1,250,000.

TRACY, army housing, C. T. Lindsay, S. F., \$883,900.

PALISADES PROJ., Idaho, tunnel, etc., J. A. Terteling, Boise, \$1,242,000.

MARIN COUNTY, Waldo approach, G. G. Bridge, plans o.k'd, \$7,500,000.

SANTA CLARA county, east-shore freeway, Trimble rd., Fredrickson & Watson, \$1,260,000.

SOUTH S. F., airport hangar, bids due, \$1,000,000.

INYO KERN, dormitories, B. J. Richards Co., Sherman Oaks, \$1,198,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, low rent housing, plans up, \$7,000,000.

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PLEASANTON, Parks Airbase, warehouse, bids due, \$1,000,000.

PASO ROBLES, boys' school, Maino Const. Co., San Luis Obispo, \$1,220,000.

FRESNO, housing project, Oppenheim & King, \$1,156,000.

LOS ANGELES, Hollywood Freeway, Webb & White, L. A., \$1,370,000.

PALO ALTO, elem. school, E. A. Hathaway, San Jose, \$1,196,000.

SACRAMENTO, signal depot, warehouses, MacDonald, Young, and Nelson, Morrison-Knudsen Co., joint, \$3,784,000.

LOS ANGELES, Ramona Freeway, bids due, \$3,000,000.

NORTH SACRAMENTO, high school, Pacific Coast Builders, S. F., \$1,000,000.

COPALIS, Wash., high freq. radio sta., J. G. Watts Co., Portland, \$3,560,000.

McCHORD AIRBASE, Wash., dormitories, bids due, \$1,000,000.

ELMENDORF AIRBASE, Alaska, barracks, bids due, \$1,000,000.

LOS ALAMOS, physics bldg., bids due, \$3,000,000.

SANTA CLARA, asbestos mfg. plant, bids due, \$2,500,000.

CHIEF JOSEPH DAM, Wash., bids due Mar. 12, powerhouse intake structures, \$50,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, subway bond issue for Nov., \$60,000,000 to \$102,000,000.

OGDEN, Utah, Hill Airbase, housing, Harsh Investment Co., Portland, \$2,767,000.

PORTLAND, pier facilities, Guy F. Atkinson Co., S. F., \$2,006,000.

He Wants Opposition

In Boyne City, Mich., unionists applauded the democratic ideas of Mayor Harry Tompkins. A candidate for re-election, Tompkins discovered that he probably would not have any opponent for the job in the February primary. He did not like the idea of uncontested elections, and promptly prepared a special set of nominating petitions. He circulated the petitions personally and got 35 signatures to put Sam Arbuckle, a feed merchant, on the ballot against him.

TEAMSTER BALLOT

Pulaski County, Ark. (LPA)—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election to determine if driver-salesmen of Falstaff Distributing Co., wholesale beer dealers, want to be represented in bargaining by the AFL Teamsters. The ballot is to be taken by Feb. 10.

The housing shortage is disgraceful and so is much of the housing.

1951 Corporate Profits Give Business Big Year

The Commerce Department estimates that corporations last year made \$17.7 billion in profits—after taxes were paid.

Only in 1947, 1948 and 1950 did corporations earn more than they did in 1951.

Corporate profits last year were more than double what they were in 1945.

DOUBLES '29 MARK

The profit figure was twice as big as it was in the boom year of 1929.

Last year profits were more than three times what they were in 1939.

Profits, before taxes, set an all-time record in 1951.

Last year corporations made \$45.4 billion, before taxes. That compares with \$41.3 billion in 1950 and \$28.3 billion in 1949.

In 1951 corporations handed out \$9 billion in cash dividends to their stockholders. That's almost

as much as the 1950 dividend figure of \$9.1 billion.

BANNER YEAR

All these figures on corporate profits show that, no matter how you look at it, 1951 was a banner year for big business.

The facts about corporate profits are important because they show that business continues to do very well.

These facts also reveal how ridiculous are the charges made by businessmen that higher taxes and price controls are wrecking corporations.

Trade unionists do not object to profits. But trade unionists do object to corporations misrepresenting the rosy profit picture of 1951.

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Lies and Truth About Inflation

By DEWEY ANDERSON, Public Affairs Institute, Washington, D. C.

Here is the headline that has blazoned atop millions of copies of an article written by one of the conservative political leaders of the country recently in a widely-read Readers Digest. It could have the effect of undermining our faith in the government, its money and its future.

Yet there is so much truth in such a topic and at the same time so many wrong conclusions frequently drawn from the facts presented, that more needs to be said before the subject of inflation is fixed in our minds. That is, if we are going to do the right and not the wrong things about it.

Twist It Their Way

The plain fact is that the isolationists, anti-labor, anti-New Deal elements in the country are trying to play upon the lack of specific knowledge of the people about such economic matters. Once people are won over to a belief that they are being hopelessly ruined by the inflation which is occurring (and it is very real and cruel in its effects), they may become easier recruits to support reactionary doctrines and programs of action. The line taken by such writers is that we must not have wage increases because they are "inflationary." Aid to Europe is "inflationary." Social welfare programs are "inflationary." Government spending is "inflationary." Apparently, they would have us go through the price wringer of deflation to bring prices down, although that way we would once more have workers at the gate waiting for jobs that didn't show up when the final whistle blew.

We Americans better get ourselves straightened out on this subject of inflation, for it's likely to trouble us for some months to come. It is a tricky subject, open to much heated debate even among honestly motivated people. In the hands of unscrupulous people seeking to put over something, it becomes a handy tool that can do a lot of harm.

We are suffering currently from a rise of 87 per cent in consumers prices since 1939; 10 per cent above the beginning of the Korean war in June, 1950. And for all who have not had at least a corresponding rise in their dollar income to offset it, that has meant a serious loss in their way of life.

The conclusions that the Roosevelt-Truman economic and social policies have produced this inflation is what the reactionary writers of today would have us believe. We would be well advised to proceed with caution before taking that leap. For, severe as the price rise has been, it does not signify that the country is heading down the toboggan to ruin. Our job is to stop it, without losing any of our essential freedoms, any of the great social gains of the past 20 years, or lowering our standards of living, which for a considerable number of our people are not high enough even today.

One chief way the reactionary forces in this nation seek to have us stop inflation is to stop government spending. They fail to tell you that 85 per cent of the 1952 federal government budget, or more than \$61 billions, goes for past and present military costs. That the entire education, health and welfare program of the government takes less than 10 per cent of the 1952 budget. And even if the entire general government were wiped out in an economy wave, it would save the taxpayers only 2.5 per cent of the federal budget.

Never Come Clean

These people never come clean about just what items in the federal government bill they would cut out. They are delightfully vague about the big savings to be made by cutting government services which the people need and have won against great odds in the political arena. They know, but don't tell you, that it's the pressure of huge spending for defense, and the withdrawal of goods which ci-

vilians usually buy to make way for the use of steel and other scarce materials for defense that put the big pressure on which results in inflation. We feel that only a return to peace after the danger of Communist aggression has been removed will finally relieve this pressure.

These people are using the oppressive inflationary situation to try to cut government services back to something like the kind of government we had in the Mellon-Coolidge-Hoover days. The days before social security—remember?

Their motive comes clear as we think about it. They want us to give back the power Franklin Roosevelt wrested from Wall Street and lodged in government institutions representing the people—such organizations as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Anti-trust Division of the Department of Justice, Social Security Administration, the National Labor Relations Board and the Federal Power Commission. To get them back into Wall Street and away from Washington, they must first frighten us all into a panic.

So they show us that our 1939 dollar is now worth only 45 cents; that in the inflationary process many among us have lost lifetime savings and our retirement plans have been ruined. It's such a strong argument that a lot of people could be scared into panicky action against the very things in government we have fought so hard and long to get. That way is not the way to fight inflation, for we only defeat ourselves in the process.

What To Do?

What is the sensible thing to do? First, keep calm, just as we must when confronted with any personal crisis. The inflation we have is severe; it is hurting a lot of people. But it is manageable. The job is to get it in hand. We must not be scared into reaction.

There is no single over-all technique for putting on the brakes, because the inflationary disorder is complicated. We need, for the short run, workable controls over prices, the flow of materials, credit and the supply of money reaching the market place. We need more than lip service to the "pay-as-we-go" notion of government budgeting; with heavy enough taxes imposed on those with surplus above a decent living standard so that what the government must spend is paid for out of currently collected taxes. That means, in all likelihood, more taxes next year.

Recently the Public Affairs Institute offered the suggestion for a "deep freeze" savings plan that would do two things; help people save surplus money and return it to them at its original face value later on. Any attempt to put through a sales tax under the pressure to find funds for the government and stop unnecessary buying should be decried.

We need to revise our thinking about the level of participation in mutual security of our free nation allies against Communism. Probably it ought to include spreading the defense orders to some of these nations, notably Italy and Germany, and perhaps England and France, where manpower is not fully employed and some idle facilities exist. This would make the NATO goals more realistic. It could make these European countries economically, and hence politically, more stable. This could remove some pressure within the United States and allow larger emphasis on goods for civilian consumption. It may mean, too, that special treatment must be accorded parts of our economy adversely affected by the impact of defense,

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Red Hot Dope On Safety

An ounce of safety resolution now is worth many pounds of accident cure later in the year.

Did you hear about the barber who doubted the price of a shave because people have longer faces these days?

She: "Women have more courage than men."

He: "No, they don't. A woman just has more chance to show her backbone."

Handling objects ranks as the main source of industrial injuries. Know how to handle yourself, your job, and the objects you work with.

Wife: "There's an old clothes man at the door."

Husband: "Tell him I can't afford to buy any."

A three-day cold costs the average person \$25, a recent survey revealed.

A man who is always in a stew usually goes to pot.

Love makes a man think almost as much of a girl as he thinks of himself.

Disabling injuries occur more frequently between 10 and 11 in the morning and 3 and 4 in the afternoon than at any other time of day. Good idea to be careful every minute of every hour.

"We live in a lovely little house overlooking the river."

"We live in a quaint little apartment overlooking the rent."

Army camp boxing champ lost the bout, got a purple heart. He was hit by a guided missile.

Jobs, Prosperity Top Democrat Issues, Labor Poll Shows

Washington. (LPA)—The issues that would influence the maximum number of labor voters in 1952 would be: For the Democrats, full employment and prosperity; for the Republicans, corruption in government. That's the opinion of heads of AFL, CIO and independent unions polled by The Machinist, weekly newspaper of the International Association of Machinists. Scuttling of price and rent controls was a close second on the Democrat side, high taxes on the GOP side.

where, for example, unemployment results from the shift to defense contracts.

Even this partial recital of the way to get inflation under control indicates that it is not only a complicated matter, but not one to be approached in a panic that would see us destroying the gains the people have made since the trough of the Great Depression. One thing is certain, while it means that we allow no fads or frills in government spending and make sure that we get full value for every tax dollar, it does not mean that we curtail government services which are essential in maintaining the morale of our home front, which is the foundation of America's strength.

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Calif. Labor Round-up

(California Labor News Service)

Sailors in the News

SAILORS MOURN—AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific mourned loss of 46 members on the storm-damaged freighter SS Pennsylvania, 700 mi. NW of Seattle. AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots Local 88 welcomed back a more fortunate member, Capt. Kurt Carlsen of the Flying Enterprise.

Local LLPE Meets

SPRING POLITICS—AFL political leagues throughout the state are holding strong meetings preparatory to the big election year. Calif. Labor League for Political Education holds its pre-Primary convention April 7-8 in California hall, Polk and Turk streets, San Francisco. . . . Vote registrars are now in the Labor Temples.

Vacation Guide

SUMMER RESORTS—Union and non-union. Modesto Teamsters 386 got good wage hike for park workers in contract with Yosemite Park and Curry Co., despite 18 inches of snow on valley floor. . . . Santa Cruz lost another convention because of silly, stubborn anti-union stand of local hotels and restaurants. State AFL Postal Clerks cancelled May 30 meet there, will convene in San Jose.

Fish and Wages

CRAB, TUNA, SARDINE—Butchers 445 grabbed a bit of work on 49,000 pounds of crabs on New Year's Day, with quiet seas, but storms since have shut 'em down again. . . . Diego's 2000 AFL tuna boys balloting on bigger share of the catch as season opens. They are screaming against cheap import of Jap and Peru frozen tuna. . . . Monterey cannery row ended sardine season with "light of the moon," poorest in years, only 50 tons.

Radio and TV

LABOR ON TV—Calif. AFL Machinists opened year of weekly TV show "Without Fear," to show in Diego, L.A. and Frisco regularly. They and L.A. Clerks 770 are only Calif. unions using TV thus far. Cannery Workers are whipping up a movie on their industry to show at 1952 Teamster International convention in L.A.

Homes Here, Korea

HOMES—UN Relief will build 10,000 houses in Korea, cost from \$200 to \$500; how about one for me here in California? . . . Home-building in '52 will drop about 30 per cent, shortages. . . . Redding AFL tradesmen conceived the idea of building a five-day home in a record busting three days. Give it away for March of Dimes. Project will get a big spread of publicity. . . . Los Angeles in a big stew over city dad's turn-down on low cost housing; they're spending billions for beautiful skyscrapers and freeways, mushrooming among squalid slum districts.

Health and Holidays

Big trend among Cal unions is for solid health plans, more holidays, as well as better wages. Health plans help fill the big void caused by low-supply, high-priced doctors. Holidays make the old work routine a little more livable, soothe the long hurt of working 40 years for the security and leisure of your employer. Wage freeze is too low, will be lifted by WSB about Feb. 1. No profit in wages.

Cal. Union Meets

MEETINGS—Coast AFL Metal Trades Convention in Seattle, Jan. 21-25, tackling serious wage-slavery in coast Navy yards, welcoming the first new ship keel in a coast private yard to be laid in SF Bethlehem yard April. Calif. Conf. of Machinists, Fresno, Jan. 17-20. Calif. AFL Bldg. Trades convention, Bakersfield, Jan. 19-20. Calif. Industrial Safety Conference, Feb. 18-19 in swanky Mark Hopkins, S.F. Calif. Pipe Trades Council, Oakland, Jan. 26.

Now Fingerprints?

LAWS AND LABOR—Village of Los Gatos hot about a proposed anti-picketing ordinance. . . . Kings County Superior Judge Clark Bennett upheld clerk picketing of new Young Bros. supermarket at Hanford, "not a boycott," he ruled. . . . Vicious, discriminatory, AFL waitresses call a new Oxnard law requiring waitresses in all places serving liquor to be fingerprinted. . . . Better check on Mex "wet-backs" now invading the states for scab work, persecution, and job-grabbing from Americans, demanded by AFL heads of Calif., Ariz., and Tex., meeting in Phoenix, Jan. 12.

Wage Increases

BREAD AND BUTTER—San Francisco plumbers, 20 cents more, for their 250 refrigeration members. . . . Sonoma milk haulers, 95 cents more per day. . . . LA Food Clerks 17 cents more, to a \$74 base (before taxes). . . . Oakland-Richmond produce drivers, warehousemen, \$7.50 more per week, making it \$80 (before taxes) for 40 hours. . . . N. Calif. Boilermakers six cents more under escalator, same as for Association clause with Molders, Machinists, Blacksmiths, Metal Polishers. . . . Sacramento drayage drivers, four-day strike, 12½ cent gain, plus boss-paid welfare plan. . . . San Jose area truck mechanics, 15 cents more, to \$2.22½.

Crossing the Bay

BAY BOTTLENECK—Rest of the state blooming with freeways, but villages of Oakland and San Francisco, led by bottleheads, sit on a one-track bridge of the big bay, while the community of 2½ million spreads north and south on both sides. Labor wants new southern and northern crossings. Big boys in city halls and Sacramento want a bomb-vulnerable, steel-costly twin bridge (!) to protect powerful property owners at each end.

Plumbers, Clerks

JOINT ACTION—Six plumber locals have served 60-day notice to terminate pact with N. Calif. Conf. of Plumbing, Heating Contractors for breach of contract. Bosses on Dec. 26 discontinued payments into health fund made effective Aug. 13. Acting are: Fresno, Modesto, Salinas, Chico, Marysville, Monterey, others to follow. . . . State clerks launched state drive on See's Candy Co., to inform public the sweet stuff is handled non-union.

Submarines, Senators

SHORTS: Mare Island Navy workers helped launch killer sub, K-3, for Pacific duty. Long Beach bus drivers ready to strike for more pay, health plan. . . . Fresno Bee building service people voted 9 to 1 for AFL union. . . . Cal. AFL school teachers won a duty-free lunch period after a hard campaign, which will probably cut the ulcer rate among kid-harassed teachers considerably. . . . Lockheed aircraft worker insisted on paying back dues to time he started there, last July, said he had got retro pay and other benefits and felt obligated. Now there is one who is no hitch-hiker. . . . Senator from Formosa, that's Knowland, labor declared last week. The rich, heavy-waisted young Oakland publisher is no longer wanted. Quite a chunk of the 30 Cal. congressmen are also held undesirable, all up for ballot this year.

Small Business Taking a Beating, House Group Reports

Washington. (LPA)—Small business is not getting a fair share of defense contracts and if the trend is not reversed, monopolies will continue their march and smaller firms will continue to fold up at an alarming rate. So the House Small Business committee reported Jan. 7 after a five-month survey of 29 cities in 23 states.

Patronize these Merchants In Monterey County

78 JOB DEATHS OCCUR IN CALIFORNIA DURING OCTOBER

Seventy-eight fatalities were reported during October, 1951. This compares with 48 deaths in the previous month and 59 in October, 1950.

Of the fatalities reported in October, 1951, 33 resulted from highway motor vehicle accidents, and 2 from tractor accidents.

Falls from elevations brought death to seven workers, four of whom were engaged in construction work. In one of these accidents, a carpenter, who was nailing a hand rail to the edge of a roof, stepped on a loose two-by-four joist, which gave way. Another carpenter was working on a platform in an auditorium building, approximately 60 feet above ground level, when he fell backward through a wall opening. A third carpenter fell from the ceiling joists while nailing roof sheeting. The fourth construction worker, a steel worker, was standing on a scaffold, helping to install an incinerator, when the scaffold broke, causing him to fall 70 feet.

Falls from elevations also caused the death of a packing house foreman, a repairman's helper in a gold dredging firm, and a cannery

laborer. The foreman was on a stand trying to fasten down the top of a truck when the shock cord broke, causing him to fall and strike his head on the concrete floor 8 feet below. While helping to pull a wooden structure loose from the upper deck of a dredge, the repairman's helper was struck by the structure and thrown 30 feet to the deck below. The cannery worker fell while walking across a canvas roof between two buildings. He had climbed to the roof to change a light globe and the canvas tore under his weight.

Two riggers were electrocuted when the boom of a crane hoist struck a 110 KV overhead line. The men were steadying the metal frame of a switch gear which was being moved by the crane. Electrocution also brought death to an oilfield roustabout who was using a piece of iron pipe to fish a float valve out of a water tank into which it had fallen. As he raised the iron pipe, which was 20 feet long, he contacted a 12,000-volt power line.

Two hydropress operators engaged in feeding a press were killed when a die casing, which was secured to the machine, broke under pressure. Broken metal sections shot out, striking both workers.

A maintenance worker in an auto sales and service establishment was fatally injured by the explosion of a 50-gallon drum of lacquer thinner. He had been using an acetylene torch to cut the top of the steel drum and heat from the torch caused the explosion.

While reaching between the runs of a moving conveyor belt to apply dressing, a foreman was caught in the belt and fatally injured.

A cotton ginner's helper was standing on top of a burr machine attempting to extinguish a fire inside the machine, when an explosion occurred within the machine. The lid was blown off and the worker thrown into the moving machinery.

Machines were involved in the deaths of two sawmill workers. An edgerman was killed when a slab of lumber which he was feeding into an edger kicked back, striking him. The second worker, a pony sawyer, was knocked into a revolving saw by a moving cant.

Building Jobs Drop

Employment in the California construction industry during November continued its sharp downward trend, despite the highest general non-farm employment ever recorded in the state for November. The number in contract construction declined to 228,500, a 6,800 drop from October and 9,400 below November, 1950. Non-farm employment in the state climbed to the record high of 3,500,000 compared with 3,350,200 for the same month in 1950.

Judge Says Union Can Spend Money To Register Voters

Kansas City, Mo. (LPA)—Federal Judge Richard M. Duncan has ruled that the Taft-Hartley Act's ban on spending union funds for political campaigns does not forbid a union from "making expenditures in connection with the registration of voters."

Judge Duncan, himself a member of the House for 10 years, said he was sure Congress did not intend to stop unions or other organizations from spending money to get voters registered, because "such registration is beneficial to all candidates and to all political parties."

The decision was a most liberal interpretation of the law, which specifically says: "It is unlawful for any . . . labor organization to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election at which Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, or a Senator or Representative, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress are to be voted for, or in connection with any primary election or political convention or caucus held to select candidates for any of the foregoing offices. . . ."

Duncan's ruling dismissed a criminal indictment against Rep. Leonard Irving (D., Mo.), which charged the Congressman illegally used funds from an AFL Building Laborers' local which he heads to get himself re-elected. The decision may not be appealed, since it favored the defendant in a criminal action.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly.

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Local 483 Reports



NO COLUMN—SECRETARY ON VACATION.

No special column for members of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 this week, or next week—Secretary Royal E. Hallmark is on vacation.

Construction Records Are Broken in 1951

An all-time record construction volume of approximately \$39 billion, representing 12 percent of the nation's gross national product, was put in place in the U.S. during 1951, the AGC reports. About \$37 billion is expected for 1952, with peak levels in some areas and severe drops in others, depending on type of construction, distribution of materials, and administration of building controls.

AGC urges public and private awarding agencies to keep their planning programs alive for those projects not now permitted in order to prevent a serious lag in commencing work once they are permitted to go ahead.

U. N. Civil Assistance Command has begun construction of 10,000 single-family dwellings to be built in Korea this year, at a cost of from \$200 to \$500 each.

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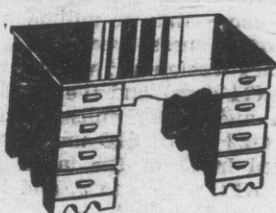
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Labor News

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Legion Invites Union Members

American Legion Post 589 will meet Thursday night at the Salinas Air Base and has issued a special invitation to all veterans who are union members to attend, whether Legion members or not, according to Jimmie Butler, post publicity chairman. Butler is secretary of Salinas Barbers Union 827.

Meeting time is 8 o'clock, Butler said. Refreshments will be served after the meeting and television will be seen.

Miles Attends IBEW Sessions

Meetings of the Northern California Joint Executive Conference of the Intl. Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, held in Sacramento on Jan. 12, were attended by Dial H. Miles, business agent of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243.

Miles said that important business was handled at the conference, held at intervals for IBEW union executive board members. Discussions included contract matters, wage scale comparisons, negotiation problems, and allied subjects.

Bogolian Heads Levering Fight

Dr. Ed Bogolian, of San Jose Teachers Union 957, has been appointed as chairman of the California Federation of Teachers' special committee for the repeal of the Levering Conformity Law. He has accepted the appointment and asks for advice and suggestions from teachers and others interested in the Levering Act. Bogolian lives at Rt. 1, Box 362, Saratoga.

Government Needs Tighter Price Controls, Wilson Reports

Washington, (LPA) — Warning that 1952 will be "the most difficult year of the mobilization program," Defense Mobilizer Wilson declared the government must have tighter price controls to check inflation. In his year-end report Wilson said "we cannot assume that the stability of the past year will continue . . . without strenuous efforts by the government to maintain it."

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sales), Leonard Murphy (drivers), Jack Mayne (frozen food lockers); runoff necessary between Lawrence Freese and Chester White (boners) and Georgia McGovern and Fern Miller (wrappers).

PALO TILTO

Frank Taylor, president; Al Faraone, vice president; Ed Goodnow, recording secretary; Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary; Walter Salado, guard; Clarence Sindelar, guard. Executive board members elected include Herman Bachman (junior meatcutters), Norman Carter (apprentices), Clarence Yount (fish butchers), Robert Sihner (slaughterhouse).

SALINAS

George Mora, president; no election for vice president; Bill Gilbert, recording secretary; Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary; no election for guide and guard. Elected to the executive board were Henry Sanches (by-products), Clark Bannert (retail), George Silveria (locker plants). Salinas labor council delegates will be Al Pfister, Reuben Anderson and Robert Shinn.

WATSONVILLE

Charles Cunningham, president; Alonza Dufur, vice president; David Montoya, recording secretary; Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary; Mario Tocallini, guide and guard; Bill Dynes and David Montoya, labor council delegate. On the executive board are James Burmitt (poultry), Bill Bonita (slaughterhouse), Francis Bildeaux (retail).

SANTA CRUZ

John Souza, president; John Parodi, vice president; Al Nadalet, recording secretary; Earl Moorhead, executive secretary; Ed Trembath, guide and guard. Executive board members are John Radodi (slaughterhouse), Joe Stretch (retail), Betty Van Arsdale (egg workers). Labor council delegates are E. L. Courtwright, N. H. McDonald, Al Nadalet and John Souza.

Business agents for Local 506 in the entire jurisdiction are Fred L. Feci and E. L. ("pete") Courtwright, both appointed and retained for the coming year.

Long Heads BT Delegates

Lloyd Long, treasurer of Plumbers Union 62 and prominent leader in the Monterey County Building Trades Council, headed the Monterey delegation to the State Building Trades Council convention in Bakersfield last weekend. Long is a vice-president of the state body.

Attending the convention also were Harry Foster, representative of Sheet Metal Workers Union 306 and secretary of the county building council; John Alsop, building council president; George "Lefty" Jenkins, business agent, and Louis Casati, president, of Laborers 690; E. R. Arbuckle, of Salinas Plumbers 503, and others.

Steel Supply Is Cut For Highways, Homes

Structural steel requirements for highway building during the second quarter of 1952 are far beyond any level that can be supported, DPA Administrator Fleischmann has reported to Congress. He said only roads of the highest urgency can be permitted. At the same time it was announced that homebuilding would be cut to 600,000 units from the government-set rate of 850,000 units per year, more than a 23 percent cutback. Industrial building is in for a slowdown, also beginning in the second quarter, with only the very most urgent work to be permitted.



Stricken by polio when she had just learned to walk, Carol Handley, of Muncie, Ind., is being helped by the March of Dimes.

Story of Fish Nets

The little known story of the nets which are of major importance in California's mighty fishing industry, is told in an 88-page illustrated fish bulletin titled "Purse Seines and Other Roundhaul Nets," just published by the State Department of Fish and Game.

The booklet is available without charge at the Department's Ferry Building in San Francisco. It provides a comprehensive historical outline of fishing from the primitive beach nets of prehistoric times to the highly mechanized multi-million dollar purse seine fleet of today.

Methods of tying and rigging nets are fully detailed in sketches and text. Uses are explained by the author, W. L. Scofield, senior marine fisheries biologist at the State's Terminal Island Laboratory.

This is the latest in a series of fishing gear bulletins by the author. Earlier booklets described drift and set line fishing gear and trawling gear used by California fishermen.

Oct. Job Injuries Reach New High

More lost-time industrial injuries were reported to the Division of Labor Statistics and Research in October than in any other month since the Division commenced regular publication of monthly work injury statistics.

A total of 14,495 disabling work injuries were reported. This compares with 13,748 in October of the previous year; 12,152 in 1949; and 12,521 in October 1948.

During October 1951, 78 industrial fatalities were reported. This figure was exceeded only in November 1947, when 79 fatal accidents were recorded.

A total of 121,310 lost-time injuries were reported during the first 10 months of 1951. This represents an increase of 6½ per cent over the 113,814 injuries during the same period of 1950, and 12½ per cent over the first 10 months of 1949. From reports received thus far it appears that the total for 1951 will exceed that reported for any year except the two peak war years, 1943 and 1944.

OLDEST MEMBER

Sacramento (LPA)—Oldest living member of Painters Local 487 here, C. E. Marshall, died at 91. Retired for 25 years, he lived with a nephew, named beneficiary of his Painters' group life insurance.

ATTEND your union meetings REGULARLY!

Strikes Drop 40% In '51! Record Low

(Labor Dept. Release)

Washington, D. C.—Fewer man-days were lost because of work stoppages in 1951 than in any other year since World War II, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

Strike idleness dropped by 40 per cent, according to preliminary estimates—from 38,800,000 man-days lost in 1950 to 22,600,000 in 1951. The number of work stoppages, however, dropped only 5 per cent to about 4650.

About 2,130,000 workers were involved in the work stoppages that began in 1951, as compared with 2,410,000 involved in strikes beginning in 1950.

No nation-wide or industry-wide strike of a protracted nature occurred during 1951. There were 21 stoppages in which 10,000 or more workers took part. These strikes, the Bureau said, directly idled about 500,000 workers for a total of approximately 6,000,000 man-days—about 25 per cent of the total workers involved in all strikes and the total man-days of idleness. The 22 strikes of this size in 1950

directly affected 738,000 workers or 31 per cent of all workers involved, for 21,700,000 man-days of idleness, or 56 per cent of the total man-days of idleness.

ONLY 4 OVER MONTH

Of the 21 large strikes in 1951, there were 14 of brief duration, with 7 lasting for less than 1 week and 7 from 1 to 2 weeks. Only 4 continued for more than a month. The two longest strikes in 1951 occurred at some Southern cotton and rayon mills in April and woolen and worsted mills in February. The strike of 24,000 workers at the Caterpillar Tractor Co. in July lasted for 63 days, and the 10,000 employees at three California plants of the Douglas Aircraft Co. were idle for 44 days.

The largest single stoppage began in January when 70,000 railroad workers were idled after several hundred yard employees reported sick in a number of cities. There were only two stoppages in which more than a million man-days of idleness were lost—the February woolen and worsted mills strike (74 days) and the Southern cotton and rayon mills strike in April (122 days). CIO unions were involved in 12 of the large stoppages, AFL unions in 5, and independent unions in 5.

WAGES CHIEF ISSUE

Wages and related matters, the Bureau said, were the dominant issues in most of these large strikes, as they were in almost half of all strikes beginning in 1951. These were major issues in strikes involving almost 60 per cent of the workers taking part in all stoppages and three-quarters of the total man-days of idleness.

Union recognition, the union shop, and other union security issues, either alone or combined with important wage issues, were prominent in about one-fifth of the strikes, and caused about one-tenth of the year's idleness. Disputes over other working conditions accounted for about 30 per cent of the strikes and one-fifth of the idleness. Jurisdictional, rival union, and sympathy strikes were at issue in about 6 per cent of all stoppages, but caused only 3 per cent of the year's total idleness.

WILSON BLASTS FAKE CONTROLS

Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson criticized Congress for passing a phony price control law.

Wilson made his remarks about price control in his latest quarterly report to Congress on the progress of the defense program.

"Price control will be made more difficult . . . by the amendments to the Defense Production Act," Wilson said.

MUST BE IMPROVED

"It is important that the price control legislation be improved by the Congress."

The amendments Wilson mentions are those sponsored by Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.) and Rep. A. S. Herlong (D., Fla.).

The Capehart amendment lets manufacturers add all costs, whether necessary or not, to their prices.

GUARANTEED PROFITS

The Herlong amendment allows wholesalers and retailers to increase their prices so they can keep the same profit margins they had before the Korean war began in June, 1950.

Wilson also criticized Congress for refusing to let the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) control the slaughter of cattle. Unless the OPS can do this, price control on meat is ineffective.

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